

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:18MJ36
)	Hon. John F. Anderson
LAQUETTE DUNN,)	Hearing Date: November 13, 2018
)	
Defendant.)	

DEFENDANT’S NON-CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO SEAL

The defendant, Laquette Dunn, by counsel and pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49(E), asks for an Order sealing the document attached to her Motion to Seal.

I. Items to be Sealed and Necessity for Sealing

A. The defendant asks the Court to seal the document entitled “Defendant’s Position on Sentencing Factors” filed with the Court November 9, 2018.

B. Sealing is necessary in order to safeguard the safety and privacy of the defendant. Counsel for the defendant has considered procedures other than sealing and none will suffice to protect this information from disclosure and to prevent public dissemination of this information.

II. Previous Court Decisions Which Concern Sealing Documents

The Court has the inherent power to seal materials submitted to it. *See United States v. Wuagneux*, 683 F.2d 1343, 1351 (11th Cir. 1982); *State of Arizona v. Maypenny*, 672 F.2d 761, 765 (9th Cir. 1982); *Times Mirror Company v. United States*, 873 F.2d 1210 (9th Cir. 1989); *see also Shea v. Gabriel*, 520 F.2d 879 (1st Cir. 1975); *United States v. Hubbard*, 650 F.2d 293 (D.C. Cir. 1980); *In re Braughton*, 520 F.2d 765, 766 (9th Cir. 1975). “The trial court has supervisory power over its own records and may, in its discretion, seal documents if the public’s

right of access is outweighed by competing interests.” *In re Knight Pub. Co.*, 743 F.2d 231, 235 (4th Cir. 1984).

III. Period of Time to Have the Document Under Seal

A. The materials to be filed under seal would need to remain sealed permanently or until unsealed by the Court.

Accordingly, the defendant respectfully requests that an Order be entered allowing “Defendant’s Position on Sentencing Factors” to be placed Under Seal.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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